

## Household Hazardous Wastes: What's the Danger?

### Things to watch for:

- 1) Old batteries
- 2) Old Lightbulbs
- 3) Old Paint
- 4) Cleaning Supplies
- 5) Old Medications

### Harm to the Environment -

Chemicals and unwanted medicines can contaminate lakes and rivers, or public drinking water supplies if simply flushed down the toilet or poured down the drain.

**Fire Hazards** - Some products such as gasoline, thinners, lighter fluid or glues and adhesives can catch fire.

**Toxicity to Humans** - Many chemicals including lawn and garden or cleaning chemicals, can be toxic if inhaled or ingested

**Explosion Hazards** - Pool chemicals and bleaches can react violently with other materials to explode or produce toxic gases.

Information taken from: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/environment/groundwatermgmt/hazwaste.html>

### What is HHW?

Household hazardous waste are household products that can either 1) catch fire, react, or explode under certain circumstances or 2) are corrosive or toxic.

### Safe Management Tips

- Read product labels for disposal and storage instructions to reduce the risk of products exploding, igniting, leaking, and mixing with other chemicals
- Never store HHW in food containers; keep in original containers and never remove labels
- Never mix HHW with other products
- Empty containers of HHW can pose hazardous because of the residual chemicals that might remain so handle with care



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If you have any questions, comments or concerns please reach out to the environmental department: (951)654 – 5544 ext. 4154 or [caceves@soboba-nsn.gov](mailto:caceves@soboba-nsn.gov)

**UPCOMING: Community Clean-Up Event Feb 2022**



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## LIST OF HHW

- Acids
- Adhesives
- Aerosol cans
- Batteries
- Bug spray
- Car batteries
- Computers
- Disinfectants
- Electronic devices
- E-waste
- Fertilizers
- Film
- Fireworks
- Freezers
- Gasoline
- Glass
- Glue
- Grease
- Inks
- Mercury containing items
- Microwave ovens
- Oil
- Paint
- Pesticides
- Pharmaceuticals
- Photographic chemicals
- Pool chemicals
- Refrigerators
- Spray Cans
- Thermometers
- Weed Killer



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